

## House Resolution No. 3331

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Verona R-VII School District and their literacy partner, Missouri Gas Energy, on their recent receipt of the Reading Is Fundamental Third Annual Program Excellence Honors 2008 Award, sponsored by MetLife Foundation; and

**Whereas**, the District's program is among twenty-five programs which RIF officials will recognize during a celebration to be held June 16-18, 2008, in Washington, D.C., for successfully partnering with outside organizations to advance children's literacy in their communities; and

**Whereas**, the twenty-five outstanding programs were selected from a pool of approximately 3,500 RIF programs nationwide; and

**Whereas**, Verona's RIF program serves 350 children, and school officials have partnered with the Missouri Gas Energy for ten years; and

**Whereas**, founded in 1966, Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. motivates children from birth to age eight to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life; and

**Whereas**, special words of commendation go out to Mary Mael, RIF Coordinator at Verona, and Pam Bowling from Missouri Gas Energy, both of whom will be participating in the festivities:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the Verona R-VII School District at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Verona R-VII School District.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Don Ruzicka  
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3331, adopted June 2, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker